

grammar

1 Complete the conversation with the present simple or present continuous form of the verb in brackets.

Sara: What **(0)** are you doing (do)?

Martina: I **(1)** am painting (paint) a picture of the trees.

Sara: But you **(2)** don't like (not like) Art!

Martina: Yes, I know, but my friends **(3)** are playing (play) football at the moment and I **(4)** hate (hate) that.

Sara: What sports **(5)** do you enjoy (enjoy) doing?

Martina: I **(6)** go (go) swimming twice a week. What about you?

Sara: My best friend **(7)** plays (play) hockey, but I **(8)** prefer (prefer) basketball.

Martina: I **(9)** am not doing (not do) anything now. Let's go for a walk.

Sara: Good idea!

2 Write complete sentences in the present simple or present continuous.

0 I / play tennis / at the moment.

I'm playing tennis at the moment.

1 My dad / usually go to work by car.

My dad usually goes to work by car

2 We / learn how to play the guitar / today.

We are learning how to play the guitar today

3 I / always watch TV / after dinner.

I always watch TV after dinner

4 My friends / not swim in the sea / now.

My friends aren't swimming in the sea now

5 My cousin / not have breakfast / every day.

My cousin doesn't have breakfast everyday

1 Complete the table with these verbs.

believe buy climb feel
hate like make mean
~~need~~ own ~~run~~ sing
understand want work

**Verbs we can use in
the continuous**

run

Buy – climb – make – sing
work

**Verbs we don't
normally use in the
continuous**

need

Believe – feel – hate – like –
mean – own – understand –
want

2 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 0 Jack's behind that tree. I can see / 'm seeing him.
- 1 I know / 'm knowing the names of all the rivers in my country.
- 2 My brother *learns* / 's learning about the weather at the moment.
- 3 You need / 're needing to do your homework before Tuesday.
- 4 You're very quiet. What do you *think* / are you thinking about?
- 5 My friends don't *play* / aren't playing football today. It's cold.
- 6 Can you say that again? We don't understand / *aren't understanding*.
- 7 Can you hear / *Are you hearing* that strange noise?

3 Write complete sentences. Use the present simple or the present continuous.

0 Shh! I / think.

Shhh! I'm thinking.

1 I / not understand / this exercise.

I don't understand the exercise.

2 My friends / think football is boring.

My friends think football is boring.

3 What / you / do right now?

What are you doing right now?

4 We / not want to watch the film.

We don't want to watch the film.

5 That dog / belong to my cousin.

That dog belongs to my cousin.

6 Penguins / not feel / the cold weather.

Penguins don't feel the cold weather.

7 I / not like this book very much.

I don't like this book very much.

1 Complete this paragraph with the past simple form of the verb in brackets.

Last summer, I **(0)** visited (visit) Moscow with my family. We **(1)** flew (fly) from London. On the first day, we **(2)** went (go) to the tourist information office and we **(3)** asked (ask) for information about the city. My sister **(4)** wanted (want) to go to the zoo. My dad **(5)** didn't want (not want) to go there, so he **(6)** went (go) shopping. The next day, we **(7)** walked (walk) to Red Square and we **(8)** saw (see) the Kremlin. We **(9)** didn't go (not go) inside the museum because it **(10)** was (be) closed. We **(11)** had (have) a fantastic holiday there.

2 Choose the correct words to complete the questions.

- 0 Who *did lend* / lent Fred money for the coach?
- 1 What did the boy see / *saw the boy* at the cinema?
- 2 What *did happen* / happened to you?
You're late!
- 3 Who *did eat* / ate the cake?
- 4 Where did you go / *went you* on holiday?
- 5 Who *did do* / did their homework last night?

1 Use the past continuous to write complete sentences.

At 7.30 last night ...

0 Mum / drive / her car into the garage.

Mum was driving her car into the garage.

1 It / rain.

I was raining.

2 Dad / cook / dinner.

Dad was cooking dinner.

3 My brother and I / watch TV in the living room.

My brother and I were watching TV in the living room.

4 My sister / read.

My sister was reading.

5 My grandparents / leave their apartment.

My grandparents were leaving their apartment.
